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BEGIN SUMMARY: RUMSFELD DREW FULLY ON INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED
REF A IN DISCUSSIONS ON JUNE 28 WITH SYG LUNS AND AMBASSADOR
DE STAERCKE. BOTH EXPRESSED FULL SUPPORT FOR US PROPOSALS IN
PRINCIPLE WHILE SUGGESTING THAT SOME MODIFICATIONS IN THE
SPECIFICS OF US PROPOSALS MIGHT BE DESIRABLE. AFTER FURTHER
REFLECTION, LUNS INTENDS TO DISCUSS MATTER JOINTLY WITH
RUMSFELD AND PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR NOGUEIRA. END SUMMARY

1. PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REF A AND REF B,
RUMSFELD DUSCUSSED QUESTION OF PORTUGUESE ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED
INFORMATION WITH SYG LUNS DURING MORNING OF JUNE 28. LUNS
EXPRESSED FULL UNDERSTANDING FOR US POSITION AND AGREED TO TAKE
THE LEAD IN DISCUSSING THIS MATTER WITH PORTUGUESE AND OTHER
ALLIES. HE COMMENTED THAT SOME DETAILS OF US PROPOSALS
SOUNDED " RATHER TOUGH." HE RECALLED THAT PORTUGUESE FOREIGN
MINISTER SOARES HAD TOLD HIM IN OTTAWA THAT THERE WAS AN
INNER CABINET IN LISBON IN WHICH THE COMMUNISTS WERE NOT
REPRESENTED AND THAT INDEED THE COMMUNISTS COULD NOT BE
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CONSIDERED MEMBERS OF THE CABINET IN THE ORDINARY SENSE.
LUNS SAID THAT SOARES HAD EXPECTED THAT THE COMMUNISTS
WOULD BE REMOVED FROM ANY CABINET LEVEL POST AFTER THE
ELECTION. LUNS WONDERED OUT LOUD WHETHER IT MIGHT BE

DESIRABLE FOR HIM TO HAVE SOMEBODY GO TO PORTUGAL, POSSIBLY ACCOMPANIED BY AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL, "TO LOOK OVER THE SITUATION." AFTER RUMSFELD ADVISED LUNS THAT HE INTENDED TO TALK TO DE STAERCKE, LUNS SAID THAT HE WOULD TAKE NO ACTION FOR THE MOMENT BUT THAT HE THOUGHT THAT THE BEST NEXT STEP WOULD BE FOR HIM TO CONVENE A MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR NOGUEIRA OF PORTUGAL AND RUMSFELD. AT RUMSFELDS SUGGESTION, LUNS UNDERTOOK TO VERIFY PROCEDURES FOLLOWED IN CASE OF ICELAND.

2. RUMSFELD DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM WITH BELGIAN AMBASSADOR DE STAERCKE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MEETING WITH LUNS. DE STAERCKE SAID THAT THERE COULD BE NO DISAGREEMENT WITH THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE US WAS MAKING WITH RESPECT TO PROTECTION OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION. HIS OPINION WAS THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL SHOULD START ON THE BASIS OF THE STATEMENT MADE BY SOARES IN THE OTTAWA MINISTERIAL. COMMENT: SOARES STATEMENT WAS AS FOLLOWS: " I WILL ADD AS A POSTSCRIPT ONE PIECE OF EVIDENCE WHICH IS CERTAINLY NOT NECESSARY: THAT THE PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES ARE PERFECTLY CONSCIOUS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN THE ALLIANCE, NOTABLY AS REGARDS THE INTERNAL SECURITY REGULATIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION. WE ARE OBVIOUSLY READY TO GUARANTEE THAT THESE REGULATIONS WILL BE SCRUPULOUSLY RESPECTED." END COMMENT. ANY RESTRICTIONS APPLIED TO PORTUGAL SHOULD BE " PROVISIONAL" DE STAERCKE SAID, JUST AS THE LISBON GOVERNMENT ITSELF WAS PROVISIONAL, AND ANY STEPS TAKEN SHOULD BE WITH THE AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE LISBON GOVERNMENT. SINCE THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL HAD AGREED TO THE RESTRICTIONS WHICH WERE APPLIED IN THE CASE OF ICELAND, DE STAERCKE THOUGHT THAT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL WOULD BE BOUND TO APPLY THE SAME RESTRICTIONS IN ITS OWN CASE.

3. AS REGARDS THE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 5, REF A, DE STAERCKE THOUGHT THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEMS WITH RESPECT TO MEASURES A, B, AND C. HE THOUGHT, HOWEVER, THAT MEASURE D WOULD BE A DIFFICULT THING BECAUSE THE COUNCIL SHOULD NEVER MEET WITHOUT ALL MEMBERS
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THERE. HE BELIEVED THAT ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF PORTUGAL, PROBABLY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE, SHOULD BE PRESENT UNDER SAME GROUND RULES APPLYING TO ICELAND. THIS PROCEDURE WOULD NOT RESULT IN DISMANTLING THE STRUCTURE OF THE COUNCIL. AS REGARDS PARA

5-E, REF A, DE STAERCKE THOUGHT THAT NON PARTICIPATION BY PORTUGAL IN THE NPG COULD BE ARRANGED ON A "PROVISIONAL" BASIS, BUT THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO SUBSTITUTE FOR PORTUGAL ON THE NPG, AND THAT VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL OF PORTUGAL FROM ALL NPG ACTIVITIES WOULD BE THE BEST PROCEDURE.

4. COMMENT: MISSION ANTICIPATES THAT AFTER FURTHER REVIEWS OF US IDEAS, LUNS WILL CONVENE A SESSION WITH AMBASSADOR

NOGUEIRA AND RUMSFELD TO REVIEW US THINKING. MISSION
RECOMMENDS THAT DE STAERCKES SUGGESTION RE HANDLING OF
PORTUGUESE ATTENDANCE AT SENSITIVE NAC SESSIONS SHOULD BE
ADOPTED SINCE WE UNDERSTAND DEPARTMENTS INTENT IS THAT
PORTUGUESE PARTICIPATION SHOULD PARALLEL THE ARRANGEMENT
WHICH OBTAINS IN THE CASE OF ICELAND. IN EVENT LUNS RETURNS
TO HIS IDEA OF SENDING ONE OF HIS OFFICIALS TO LISBON,
MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER THIS WOULD
BE AN IDEA WORTH ENCOURAGING. RUMSFELD

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